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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JULY 12, 2001

APPLICATION OF

VIRGINIA GAS PIPELINE COMPANY

CASE NO. PUE010359

For an Annual Informational Filing

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION FOR  
2001 ANNUAL INFORMATIONAL FILING

On June 21, 2001, Virginia Gas Pipeline Company ("VGPC" or "the Company"), by counsel, filed a Motion with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission"). In its Motion, VGPC requested that it be allowed to file its 2001 Annual Informational Filing ("AIF"), using a test period consisting of the nine (9) months beginning January 1, 2001, through September 30, 2001, rather than the calendar year ending December 31, 2001. The Company also asked that it be permitted to file its AIF for the period ending September 30, 2001, within 150 days from the end of the September 30, 2001 test period. VGPC represents that after its 2001 AIF, it will file its subsequent AIFs within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the September 30 test year in accordance with 20 VAC 5-200-30 A 9 of the Commission's Rules Governing Utility Rate Increase Applications and Annual Informational Filings.

In support of its Motion, VGPC alleges that as a result of the merger of Virginia Gas Company, VGPC's parent, into a subsidiary of NUI Corporation ("NUI"), it is necessary for VGPC to conform its reporting periods to coincide with NUI's year-end September 30 reporting period. VGPC also represented that because of the various regulatory filings necessitated by the merger, VGPC requires an additional thirty (30) days beyond the one hundred and twenty (120) days required for filing an AIF by Rule 20 VAC 5-200-30 A 9.

On July 10, 2001, the Staff, by counsel, filed its Response to VGPC's Motion. In its Response, the Staff noted that it did not oppose VGPC's Motion to use a January 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001, test period for all of the Company's AIF Schedules, with the exception of Schedules 9, 10, and 12. Staff noted that Schedules 9, 10 and 12 relate to earnings tests, and that it required twelve (12) months of data to evaluate properly the Company's current recovery of interest costs, or other regulatory assets VGPC may propose to capitalize. The Staff represented that it had contacted VGPC's counsel and was authorized to state that VGPC did not object to the Staff's proposal that the Company file Schedules 9, 10, and 12, for the twelve months ending September 30, 2001, with its 2001 AIF, with respect to capitalized interest or other regulatory assets the Company may have that are subject to an earnings test.

NOW UPON consideration of VGPC's request and the Company's Response thereto, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that this matter should be docketed; that VGPC has demonstrated good cause for its request; that VGPC should be permitted to file its 2001 AIF for the period January 1, 2001, through September 30, 2001, for all of its AIF Schedules with the exception of Schedules 9, 10, and 12, within 150 days from September 30, 2001, or by February 27, 2002; that the Company should file AIF Schedules 9, 10, and 12 of its AIF due by February 27, 2002, using the twelve months ended September 30, 2001, as the test period for these Schedules; and that thereafter VGPC should file its subsequent AIFs within one hundred and twenty (120) days after the AIF test period, as required by 20 VAC 5-200-30 A 9, unless otherwise directed by the Commission. We further find that this docket should remain open to receive VGPC's AIF for 2001, when it is filed.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter shall be docketed and assigned Case No. PUE010359.

(2) VGPC shall file its 2001 AIF, using the test period January 1, 2001, through September 2001, for all of its AIF Schedules with the exception of Schedules 9, 10, and 12, by no

later than February 27, 2002. On or before February 27, 2002, VGPC shall file Schedules 9, 10, and 12, using the twelve months ending September 30, 2001, as the test year for these Schedules.

(3) VGPC shall file each of its AIFs following its 2001 AIF within one hundred and twenty (120) days after the test period of its subsequent AIFs, as required by 20 VAC 5-200-30 A 9, unless provided otherwise by Commission Order.

(4) This docket shall remain open to receive the Company's 2001 AIF and accompanying documents.